Training Dobermans

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correction."

Thompson, with a thorough knowledge of dog training, has Sampson "On-Off-Switch" trained. That is, as quickly as a command is spoken, the dog goes from to highly aggresive to friendly.

Roy has a puppy, Rusty, sired by Sampson. When the puppies were born, Rusty's mother rejected them. According to Thompson, she was jealous of the attention the puppies were getting and refused to let them eat. Consequently, Rusty was fed with a bottle and Similac.

"My wife, Patsy, and I were mother and daddy to that little puppy," laughed Roy.

Rusty, who is a bundle of energy, sleeps in the basement of the Thompson home. He has a pen made just for him, and whenever he gets sleepy he'll go to the pen and cry to be let in.

The Doberman, according to Thompson adapts well to living inside.

"A standard is set by the American Kennel Club," explained Thompson, "each dog has a standard; the AKC tells you exactly how each breed of dog should look. Rusty is a tremendous confirmation dog."

Dobermans, which will work faithfully for love and praise, are not born with ears that set at a perky angle. In addition to having the tail cut off when only three days old, the Doberman must have surgery on its ears to give it the appearance we have come to think of as characteristic of the Doberman.

Len Allen Smith, a member of the Appomattox Town Police Department, assisted Thompson in demonstrating Sampson's ability to attack on command.

Donning a protective 'attack sleeve', Smith was the target for Sampson's training and ability, once the command 'attack' had been given. Only an individual knowledgable in the training of attack dogs would be able to act in this capacity. Smith owns and is training an attack dog of his own. Thompson obedience-trained Smith's dog.

Once the command to attack has been given, the dog puts all his energy and training into trying to tear apart the object of the attack. Just as quickly, when the command 'out' is given, the dog once more becomes docile.

shared by his two sons, Jody, 8, Todd, 14, and his wife Patsy. Thompson is seeking a future in the field of training dogs; he knows what he is doing and loves it.

Sampson.....with a split personality? Would seem that way! You have to see him to believe it!

At ACHS

One-act play planned

The Appomattox County High School Drama Club will soon begin production of its annual one-act play. This year's play will be "The Waiting Room" and will be presented in the Seminole District Theatre Festival, which is again being hosted by A.C.H.S.

The Drama Club's Christmas project was a children's play entitled "The Mouse Who Didn't Believe In Santa."

This show was presented on December 17 in Pamplin Elementary School, Appomattox Primary School, Cole's Day Care Center, and Liberty Baptist Nursery School. Performing for younger children in a touring situation proved to a unique acting experience for the A.C.H. S. thespians.

The Drama Club's Fall production, **The Diary of Anne Frank**, was termed a success by all who saw it. Watch the **Times-Virginian** for performance dates for "The Waiting Room" and also for the 1981 Senior play, **Annie Get Your Gun.**

THE CAST OF "The Mouse who didn't Believe in Santa" (Kneeling, from left) **Todd Nash, Elaine Wilson, Laura McGanna; (stunding) Susan Shorter, John Caldwell, Susan Morris, Carol Lukehart, David Hancock, and Crystal Carter.**

FBLA meets

The FBLA opened their December meeting with Santa Claus visiting the TMR students. Afterwards a Christmas skit was given, the skit was about a grandfather and grandmother telling their granddaughter about Christmas they had when they were young.

The officers and advisers led the members in Christmas carols at the end of the meeting.

During the business session of the meeting, Jane Almond was named member of the month.

Lucerds exit

DT2 and Mrs. Tim R. Lucerd and son, Michael, left on Saturday, December 20 for Dunsoon, Scotland, where they will make their home for the next two years.

DT2 Lucerd will be stationed with the United States Navy aboard the USS Holland. Mrs. Lucerd is the former Diane Chandler, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James (Red) Chandler of Appomattox.

Primary menu

Mon., Jan. 12 - Sausage pattie, string beans, baked apples, roll, butter, cookie.

Tues., Jan. 13 - Barbecue, mixed vegetables, french fries, jello, topping, milk.

Wed., Jan. 14 - Spaghetti, cheese sq., tossed salad, peanut butter cracker, whole wheat roll, butter, milk, fruit.

Thurs., Jan. 15 - Hamburger, green peas, buttered corn, school made brownie, milk.

Fri., Jan. 16 - NO SCHOOL.

Birth announced

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Bruhnsen of Red House proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Misty Raye, born on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. She weighed eight pounds and four ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harpson Fleshman of Red House and Mrs. Ray Bruhnsen of Bradenton, Florida.

Licences due

Monte Mays, Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County reminds local businesses that Virginia state licenses are due by Friday, January 30.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Covington, Sr.

Covingtons celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Covington, Sr. of Pamplin were honored on December 24 at their home in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Hosts for the occasion were their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Covington, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Covington of Pamplin and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David K. Woosley of Lynchburg.

The Covingtons have three grandchildren, Don, Stephanie, and Marlenea Covington.

Miss Chase reigns

Miss Amanda Carter Chase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Flexmer Chase Jr. of White Stone, was crowned Queen of the Holly Realm on Monday evening, December 29. Seventeen Northern Neck area debutantes were presented at the 84th Annual Holly Festival Ball held in the Lancaster Auditorium in Kilmarnock.

Ammon G. Dupton, Jr. of Lancaster County, orator for the gala event crowned Miss Chase with the traditional crown and septre carried by past queens. She succeeds as Queen Miss Helen Towles Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gresham Palmer of Lancaster.

Miss Chase chose as her attendants Miss Edith Clere Smoak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Smoak of Appomattox, and Miss Catherine Ann Northern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Northern of Warsaw. Minister to the Queen was James Rawleigh Simmons of Irvington. Kevin Pittman of Reedville was escort for Miss Smoak and Cary Randolph Brown of Mount Holly was Miss Norther's escort.

Social News

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans of Union, N. J. spent the holiday with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Evans and relatives in Pamplin. They spent Saturday night in the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newcomb in Poquoson. They were accompanied by Mrs. S. J. Evans who returned to her home here on the following Saturday.

Mrs. Frances Rogers and mother, Mrs. Helen Gunter have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Trent, Jr., boys Brian and Brandon in Dayton, Ohio.

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Mrs. Patrick Lair, Jr.

Pat Lair marries

The Lair home in Pamplin was the setting for the afternoon wedding on Saturday, Dec. 6 of Chamnong Hongtong and Patrick Lair Jr. Monte Mays performed the double ring ceremony. A reception followed at the Wallis home in Pamplin.

Following a honeymoon in Washington, D. C. and Williamsburg the couple are making their home in Pamplin.

THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA Chapter-March of Dimes birth defects foundation announces that Dereck Cunningham has been named the 1981 Poster Child for the Central Virginia area. Dereck is a victim of myelomeningocele (open spine and water on the brain), and he walks with the aid of crutches and braces. He is seven years old and is in the second grade at Altavista Elementary School. Dereck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cunningham of Altavista, and he has one brother and one sister. Dereck has had the honor of being the only child to receive a key to the city of Lynchburg that was presented to him by Mayor Elliot Shearer. Dereck will make his first public appearance on the March of Dimes Telerama to be broadcast from WSET-TV on Janary 17, 1981 from 7 A.M. until 8 P.M.

Engagements announced

Mr. Mark Eggleston
Miss Kathryn Mary Bayly

Mr. William Bayly of Harrisonburg, Va., and Mrs. Letitia Bayly of Annandale, Va. announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Mary, to Mark Eggleston, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Eggleston, of Appomattox.

Miss Bayly is employed as a registered nurse at Northern Virginia Doctor's Hospital in Arlington, Va.

Mr. Eggleston is employed as a pharmasist at Potomac Hospital in Woodbridge, Va.

No date has been set for the weeding at present.

Miss Tina Lynn Doss

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Doss of Appomattox are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Lynn, to Samuel Berkley Driskill, III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Berkley Driskill Jr. of Concord.

Miss Doss is a graduate of Appomattox County High School. Mr. Driskill is a graduate of Rustburg High School and is self-employed.

The wedding is planned for February 14 at Walker's Presbyterian Church at eight o'clock in the evening.

Although no invitations are being sent, friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Donna Kaye Elder

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Elder are proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Donna Kaye to James Robert Almond, son of James Almond of Route 3, Appomattox, and grandson of Mrs. Edith Almond and the late Willie Almond, also of Route 3.

The wedding will take place at the Woodman of the World Building on Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Although no invitations are being sent, friends and relatives are invited.

Mr. John E. Jones and Mrs. Dorothy V. Jones would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Wanda Faye Jones, to Roger Wayne Baldwin, son of Alice Baldwin Ferguson and the late Aubrey E. Baldwin.

The wedding will be held at the Church of God of Prophesy in Burkeville, Virginia on Feb. 14 at 6 p.m.

Although no invitations will be sent out, friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

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